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IN THE APALACHICOLA FOREST

BY  
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Among the outstanding projects of the Emergency Conservation Works is the Apalachicola Purchase Unit. As the name implies, it is a Federal Forest or National Park in the making. It lies between the Apalachicola and Ochlockonee rivers in north central Florida, comprising large portions of Franklin and Liberty counties. While this purchase is a growing unit, yet at the beginning of 1935 it has an area of 291,800 acres, or 456 square miles.

There are advantages in this area that make it highly desirable as a national playground. The forest is natural and will require no seeding and little transplanting. Lying between two river valleys there is fair drainage for tropical flat woods. Many of the savannas can be drained. When once established this park will be more than sustaining by its harvest of naval stores, lumber and paper wood. Its beauty is that of semi-tropics. To offset this there stands the handicaps of malaria contagion, fire hazard and some land subject to over flow.

The Emergency Conservation Works projects are varied; roads, bridges, fire lanes, drainage, reforestation and camp ground sites. The agencies carrying on these projects are four companies of the Civilian Conservation Corps: Company 295, Camp F-7, located one mile south of Sumatra; Company 298, one-half mile west of Wilma; Company 1439, Camp F-9, two miles north of Vilas; and Company 2401, F-10, located at Jewel Tower, fourteen

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miles southeast of Telogia. These camps are the home of eight hundred nine CCC lads. These boys have a supervising and facilitating personnel of seventeen foresters, one ranger with four assistant guards, five tower men, four educational advisors, thirteen commissioned Army Officers of the Reserve Corps, and three sub-district officers.

The record of achievement of this force is a statement of merit. Company 1439 was the first unit to locate and begin labor in this wild. Aided by the other companies, one hundred sixty miles of eighteen foot roads have been built. One hundred fifty bridges have been completed. The timbers for these bridges have been cut by the CCC crews, and sawed in a mill operated in the forest. These timbers are creosoted, joined together with galvanized bolts, and the upper structure of the bridges painted with aluminum paint. These bridges range from small culverts to two hundred feet long, making passage way across such streams as Boatwright creek and the New and Mystic rivers.

Thirty-seven miles of fire lane have been built. Scores of additional miles have been surveyed. Twelve miles of Class A fire lane is completed. This is in place a graded road, one track finished to permit motor traffic at a twenty mile speed. Class B fire lane is equally wide but does not admit traffic. Other lanes, known as fire lines, are double tracked. Fourteen observation towers have been erected, ranging from eighty-seven to one hundred one foot high. A tower, made of cypress wood, cut from

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the forest, is an experiment. It is one hundred one feet high also. At each tower has been built a residence, a warehouse, a two-car garage, a deep well drilled, and an ample enclosure fenced for a garden plot. The chief effort at malaria elimination is drainage. Swamp drainage and stream channels are improved with dynamite and shovel. Fire control has proven the finest ally for wild life protection. Four forest guards patrol the area. Four camp ground sites have been provided. Each has a shelter, a driven well, and a prepared supply of wood for the forest guest. A primary task is the restoration of the forest, especially the long leaf and slash pines. They are indigenous to this tract of land, and if fire can be eliminated no seeding will be necessary and but little transplanting.

It is too early to estimate the value of this Federal Project to the nation. It is not too soon to be assured that this Federal Park project will stand in favorable contrast to many of the celebrated National Parks. This unit will not only be self-sustaining but will yield an ample financial return on the investment. The economic profits will be in huge supplies of naval stores, paper wood and lumber. Nor is it a far distance date until the return is available. Already seven timber surveyors with sixteen assistants are checking the present timber stand. It is estimated that slash pine will be sufficiently mature for pulp wood in a decade from the seeding, which is natural and perennial.

But in a National Park the tourist desire social values. What more ideal section in uninhabited America could be

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found for a national picnic ground? Here is a semi-tropic climate. Wild game roams the forest, bear, deer, foxes, bobcats, rabbits. Squirrels bark at the visitors. Turkeys and partridges roar into the thick underbrush. Eagles soar overhead. Water fowls clutter the streams. Fresh and salt water fishing abounds in countless miles of streams, inlets and bays. And out in the Gulf is ample thrill of deep sea fishing, from the bonita to the silvery tarpon.

And all of this belongs to the tourist of America. Healthful camp sites welcome the coming of ever increasing numbers. The charm of the semi-tropics is enhanced by moonlight through the Spanish moss. Stately palms wave in the zephyr at eventide. The silver and blue of the Gulf of Mexico lend an enchanting border. Indians and Spanish traditions make romantic each trail and stream. This land is a gift to all tourists. It was taken from the Indians and Spaniards and given to you, by Andrew Jackson, the architect of new frontiers.

### IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

To-day is Washington's birth day. Let us give thanks unto him the father of our country. The man who gave us these great words; First in war; First in peace; and First in the heart of your countrymen.

Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, the son of a well-to-do planter. His father's death cut short his education and at 16 he began surveying for Lord Fairfax, an English land-owner in Va. After the death of brother Lawrence, he became a member

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for and adjutant general in the state militia, and made his famous journey and campaign to Ft. Duquesne, serving on Braddock's staff and leading the final attack. He was then appointed commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. Organizing an army and securing the expulsion of the English from the Union in 1781. He was then offered a throne in America but refused. Was sworn in as the first president of the U. S. April 30, 1789, and served two terms. He died in 1799.

### COMPANY NEWS

Colonel Munson made a short visit to camp February 12.

Mr. Bush the Assistant Acting Forest Supervisor together with Mr. Glendinning, staff tech., and Mr. Hughes, Forest Service Management Inspector visited this Company. Mr. Hughes is a representative of Mr. Shaw the Regional Forester.

The Timber Estimating Party has arrived at Company 1439. The party is composed of, E. R. De Silvia, Junior Forester; (Chief of Party), A. G. Grumbine, Junior Forester; Timber Estimator, L. C. Huggins; Truck Trail Locator; Estimator; Draftsman, L. S. Newcomb, Junior Forester; Timber Estimator; and W. P. Everard, Junior Forester; Timber Estimator. Party is to stay until about May 1, 1935. Sixteen members of Company 1439, that have been working with this party has returned to the Co.

Captain Fred L. Koosa visited Camp last Thursday and Friday. The men of this Company are always happy to see our old Commanding Officer.

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## COMPANY NEWS

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Captain Henry G. Lagarde, Sub District Inspector visited camp last week and also this week.

Lt. Joe B. Pomerance, Camp Doctor is away on a few days leave. We hope he enjoys his trip.

Sgt. John Warren Killebrew returned from a few days leave

Lt. John T. Persall, the Camp Doctor from Wilkes and Sumatra is taking Lt. Joe B. Pomerance's place while he is away.

Member Clarence Palmer is expected to return to camp soon. He has been in the hospital at Fort Benning, Ga.

Members Humphries and Ritter are still in the hospital. We hope them a speedy recovery.

Captain Millstead Visited Camp last Friday night.

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## POEMS

by Zac McGuff

### TREES

In summer it wears a cloak of green  
And makes the cool sweet shade  
In which a woodsman often sits  
And sharpens up his blade  
To hew another down

In winter it wears no cloak  
at all  
But maybe a blanket of snow  
Which falls from the tree to  
ground  
When downed by the woodsman  
blow  
To cheer the fireside round.

## POEMS

By Zac McGuff-Dedicated to the distinguished member of Co. 1439 Joe T. Jones.

### SWEET HOME

Have you ever had a case of  
homesickness  
You know, just like mine.  
I have pangs of loving, knowing  
my goozle  
Like so many fish at a line

If I ask the Captain, how about  
a leave  
It's "NO" he'll likely say  
And then get on me about my mis  
conduct  
And remind me of my fruitless  
pay day

Then I'd be dismissed with a  
"watch your step"  
Yeah its time to scam  
Boys I reckon I'm going to  
stay in camp  
Like A. W. O. L. I am.

### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Below are ten questions-  
See how many you can answer.  
Answers will appear in the next  
issue of this paper.

1. How thick should a mattress be?
2. How often do people have colds
3. How many nerves are there in the human body?
4. Is the blond type disappearing in America?
5. How many legs has the common house fly?
6. How many dialects are spoken in India.
7. What State ranks first in manufacturing?

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8. Is all steel made from iron ore?

9. How large a nugget of gold has been found?

10. Who first had a coinage system?

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### PINE KNOTS

Tezreau says that if you don't believe he has been to see Maggie, just ask her.

J. M. Robinson and M. V. Kelley are training for the 1936 Olympics. As we understand they are training for the dashes--

Joe Jones: Hurst I have a sweet girl in Montg. She cried when I left for camp.

Hurst: I don't blame her.

Joe: ~~#####~~ What do you mean.

Hurst: Anybody would cry to get rid of you.

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### FACTS

A suppressed resolve will betray itself.-George Eliot

Experience teaches slowly and at the cost of mistakes.-Froude

The scholar who cherishes the love of comfort is not fit to be deemed a scholar.-Confucius.

When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property.-Jefferson.

In the lexicon of youth, which fate reserves for a bright manhood, there is no such word as fail.

We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done.

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### KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Ans. to last weeks ten question

1. It is the weight of a body compared with the weight of the same volume of water.

2. Cold is a term used to designate a temperature below the normal, the normal being based on the sensations of the human body.

3. It is possible

4. A species of magnolia known as the umbrella tree.

5. Yellow jasmine would cause toxicity if taken internally and oleander is very poisonous.

6. President Roosevelt says that he is not now and never has been a member Tammany Hall.

7. There are 2,000,000 more women voters than men in England.

8. Russia with an area of 8,144,228 square miles is the largest country in the world and China with over 400,000,000 population has the greatest population.

9. All United States postage stamps are made at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C.

10. Air mail is carried under contract and air mail pilots are employed by the contractors

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When it comes to shopping men pass the buck to the women.

The modern girl carries an eyebrow pencil just to draw a mans attention.

Do you ever get anything straight?

Yes, whiskey



## SAFETY PROGRAM

The Safety Program which has started in this camp will meet each Wednesday at 6:15. The purpose of these meetings are to teach every enrollee the necessity to use every means possible to prevent accidents. In other words to teach them to become "safety minded". Any problem for discussion can be brought up at this meeting.

It is better to be safe than sorry. Some small things that are overlooked may cause a person to lose his life.

The Safety Program will be over in time for those wishing to go to Wilma to the picture show.

league composed of several of the CCC camps. Although the Company has lost several of its players it is possible to turn out an excellent team. Anyone wishing to play give your name to Sergeant Killebrew.

"Baseball"



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The Wilma Camp, Co. 298 invites members of Co. 1439 to attend picture shows at the Wilma Camp, each Sunday and Wednesday at seven o'clock. Price fifteen cents.

If any one wishes to fight, let it be known in Camp. The gloves are flying fast now. It is easy to get some one who will try to satisfy you, if you feel inclined to fight. It is hoped that we will have a boxing ring in a few days.

Baseball is but a few days off. Practice will begin sometime around the first of March. We have the material for a good team, so when the call is given for baseball players—come out and play. We hope to have a better team than we did the past season. We still have our old manager and coach—"Killebrew"—. He carried this company to be contenders for the championship of the baseball  
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\* The woodworking shop is almost complete. We have now a rip saw, a turning lathe, a jointer planer, a sharper and a sander. These are used in the woodworking, carpenter and novelty woodworking and furniture classes. Several of the members of Co. 1439 have made some pieces of furniture that is very good.

The purpose of the shop is to teach the men the use of tools, how to sharpen and take care of them. Most of the tools that we have are furnished by Mr. E. A. Sutton, so we must be careful and not tear them up.

We invite every member of the company to come to the work shop. We will do our best to help you.

J. B. Johnson



These cans found at the entrance of each building is to be used for throwing cigarette butts and other small trash. It is desired that each man will cooperate help keep the camp clean. It is just as easy to drop cigarette butts in these as it is to throw them off the camp grounds.

The illustration above is just a reminder. The appearance of the camp is noticed by visitors. This Company prides itself upon cleanliness.

The illustration is on to be avoided. The trash ect. should go in the can.

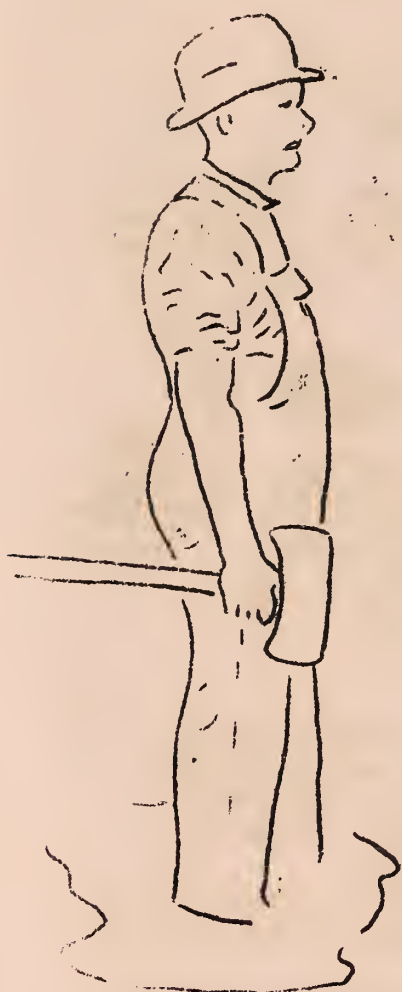
CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS

# Carry Your Axe THE SAFE WAY

SAFE WAY

UNSAFE WAY

SAFE WAY



Double-bitted Axe



Single-bitted Axe

THERE IS A SAFE AND AN UNSAFE WAY OF  
DOING EVERYTHING

DO IT THE SAFE WAY